GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON BLOOD DONORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that professional blood donors are still donating blood in various Government hospitals in Delhi, inspite of orders of the Supreme Court for ban on such donors;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(c) the remedial action the Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (c) There have been isolated reports from some parts of the country about this illegal practice of collecting blood from professional blood donors. The practice of professional blood donation has been banned since 1st January, 1998 and since then the regulatory authority (the Central and State Drugs Control Authorities) has taken steps tocurtail such practices in the country. These authorities are being further strengthened to monitor such practices and impose strict penalties.